

(11) ANY OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING VETERANS THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Public Safety

1-202.

(A-1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL SERVED IN THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT IF THE INDIVIDUAL WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORM SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO SERVED IN:

(1) AFGHANISTAN OR CONTIGUOUS AIR SPACE, AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 2001, AND BEFORE A TERMINAL DATE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; OR

(2) IRAQ OR CONTIGUOUS WATERS OR AIR SPACE, AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ON OR AFTER MARCH 19, 2003, AND BEFORE A TERMINAL DATE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

(b) (1) Subject to subsection (c) of this section and paragraph (2) of this subsection, a death benefit of \$50,000 shall be paid to the surviving spouse, child, dependent parent, or estate of each of the following individuals who is killed or dies in the performance of duties on or after July 1, 1989:

- (i) a law enforcement officer;
- (ii) a correctional officer;
- (iii) a volunteer or career firefighter or rescue squad member; [or]
- (iv) a sworn member of the office of State Fire Marshal; OR

(V) A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORM SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES SERVING IN THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT.

(2) For fiscal year 1999, and for each following fiscal year, the death benefit provided in the prior fiscal year shall be adjusted by any change in the calendar year preceding the fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index (all urban customers - United States city average - all items), as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(3) A death benefit under this subsection is in addition to:

- (i) any workers' compensation benefits;
- (ii) the proceeds of any form of life insurance, regardless of who paid the premiums on the insurance; and
- (iii) the funeral benefit provided under subsection (d) of this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That: